

CHATTANOOGA NATIONAL MILITARY PARK TOUR ROADS  
Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park  
Chattanooga vicinity  
Hamilton County  
Tennessee

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**LOCATION:** A variety of reservations in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**DATES OF CONSTRUCTION:** May 1890-September 1895

**STRUCTURE TYPE:** Park Tour Road System

**DESIGNER/ENGINEER:** Various public and private contractors

**ORIGINAL OWNER:** U. S. Department of War

**CURRENT OWNER:** U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

**SIGNIFICANCE:** The Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park tour roads provide access to select areas of the park that commemorate and interpret the conflict between Union and Confederate forces over control of the LaFayette Road leading to Chattanooga. The tour route through the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park was originally designed for visitors in carriages, on foot, and on horseback. It has evolved into a route for visitors in automobiles. The roads, culverts, and bridges are integral parts of the park, as they make a variety of areas more accessible to the public. There is also an assortment of foot trails and horse trails that allow visitors to see other areas inaccessible to those in automobiles. The road related structures in the park are significant both for their individual structural designs and for their functional unity as part of the park's overall conception. Initial construction of the park roads began in the 1890s and continued throughout the 1930s. Improvements, additions and closings of some roads took place under the supervision of the War Department, and later the National Park Service.

**PROJECT INFORMATION:** The Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Tour Roads Recording Project is part of the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), Eric DeLony,

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Chief, a long-range program documenting historically significant engineering, industrial, and maritime works in the United States. The HAER program is part of the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER) Division of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, E. Blaine Cliver, Chief. This recording project was sponsored during the summer of 1998 by the NPS Park Roads & Parkways Program through Federal Lands Highway funds, and Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Patrick Reed, Superintendent, and Jim Ogden, park historian.

The documentation was prepared under the direction of NPS Roads & Bridges Program Manager, Todd Croteau. The recording team consisted of Pete Brooks (Yale University), architect and field supervisor; Nancy Hamburger (Georgia State University), Anna Sniegucka (ICOMOS-Poland), and Tetyana Sprysa (ICOMOS-Ukraine), architects; David W. Haas, large format photographer; and David Ezell (Georgia Tech University), historian. A report detailing the history of the park road system was written by project historian David Ezell and edited by HAER historians Tim Davis and Kelly Young. Due to various shortcomings, the document has been processed as field notes, available upon request at the Library of Congress.

Courtney Youngblood, HAER historian, produced text for the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park brochure of the "Highways in Harmony" brochure series, based on David Ezell's text. This text and the drawings for Chattanooga are located with the documentation for Chickamauga National Military Park Tour Roads (HAER No. GA-95).